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What a piece of work is a man! how noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! In form and moving how express and admirable! In action how like an angel! In apprehension how like a god! The beauty of the world! The paragon of animals! And yet, to me, what is this quintessence of dust? —William Shakespeare

Man is the only creature who refuses to be what he is. —Albert Camus

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.*

### Gospel Invitation—Romans 8:31-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

### Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;

Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,  
arr. David Evans, 1927.

## Call to Worship—based on Isaiah 49:8-13

Pastor: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

All: For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

Reader 1: Thus says the Lord, “In the time of favor I have answered you; in the day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and make covenant with this people.”

Reader 2: Again, the Lord will say to the prisoners, “Come out;” to those who are in darkness, “Appear;” and to the hungry, “Be filled.”

Pastor: They shall not hunger or thirst.

All: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth!

Pastor: For the Lord has comforted His people.

## Congregational Psalm—In All The Land Rejoice (Psalm 100)

In all the land re - joice and to — the Lord cry out.  
*Know that the Lord is God. He made us, we are His,*  
With thanks come through His gates, praise in — His courts pro - claim;  
Be - cause the Lord is good, His love — will yet en - dure;

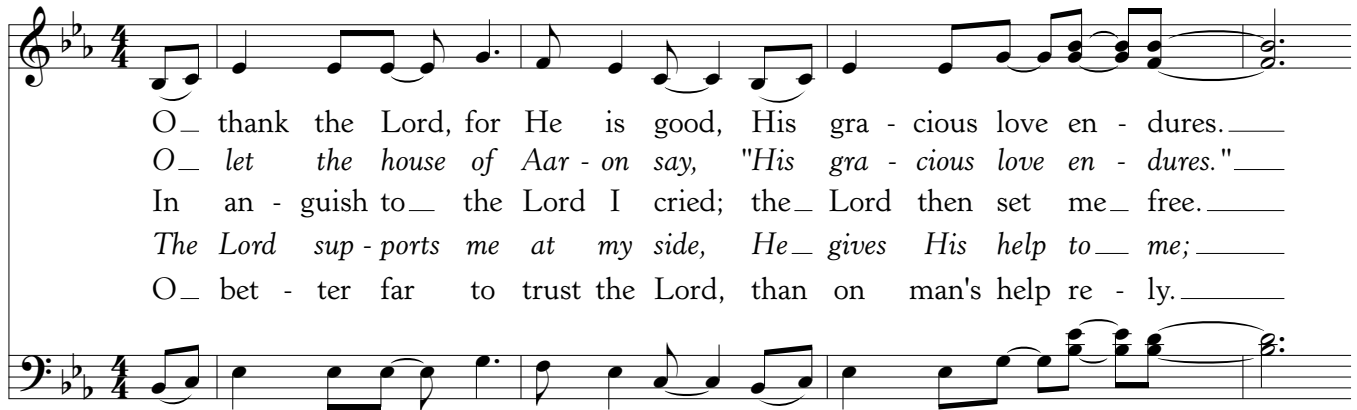
In Wor - ship glad - ly serve the Lord for joy — be - fore Him shout.  
*His peo - ple — and the cho - sen flock set where His pas - ture is.*  
De - clare the glo - ry He de - serves, give bless - ings to His name.  
To ge - ner - a - tions, on and on, His faith - ful - ness is sure.

Text: Psalm 100:1-5, *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, Copyright © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications;  
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1894.

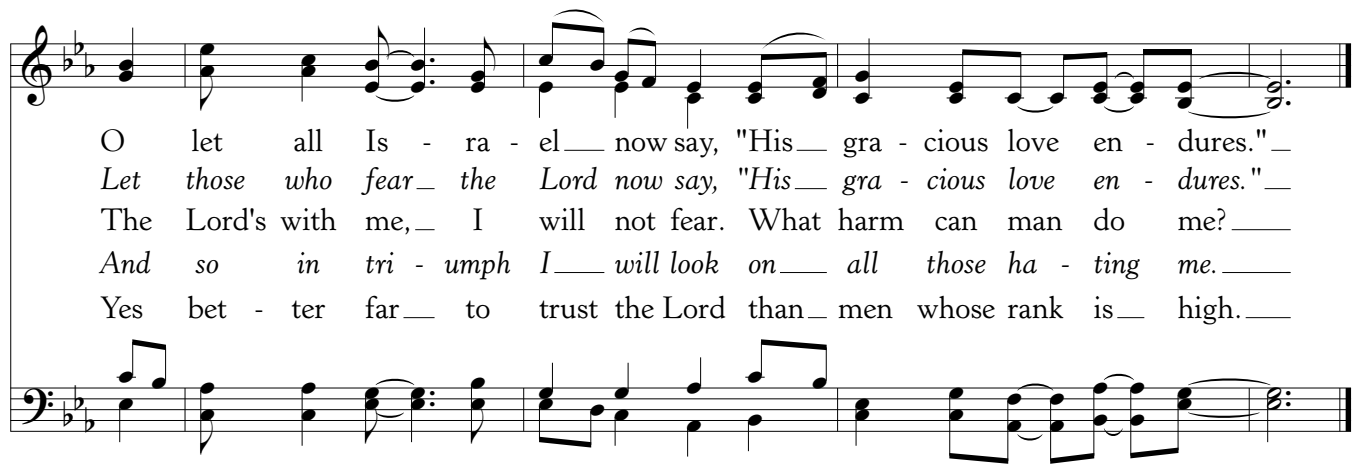
## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

*The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.*

### Congregational Psalm—O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)



O\_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures.\_\_\_\_  
O\_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His gra - cious love en - dures." \_\_\_\_  
In an - guish to\_ the Lord I cried; the\_ Lord then set me\_ free.\_\_\_\_  
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He\_ gives His help to\_ me;\_\_\_\_  
O\_ bet - ter far to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly.\_\_\_\_



O let all Is - ra - el\_ now say, "His\_ gra - cious love en - dures."\_ \_  
Let those who fear\_ the Lord now say, "His\_ gra - cious love en - dures."\_ \_  
The Lord's with me, \_ I will not fear. What harm can man do me? \_\_\_\_  
And so in tri - umph I\_ will look on\_ all those ha - ting me. \_\_\_\_  
Yes bet - ter far\_ to trust the Lord than\_ men whose rank is\_ high. \_\_\_\_

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications;  
Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.

### Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:1-10

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. He has shown His people the power of His works in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Psalm—The Voice Of The Lord Is Over The Waters (Psalm 29)



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo - ry thun - ders free!  
*The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo - ry thun - ders free!*  
 The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo - ry thun - ders free!



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es - ty!  
*The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be - fore His voice the migh - ty flee!*  
 The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!



Give to the Lord, in heav'n - ly chor - us; Give to the Lord, all glo - ry and strength!



Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord



*in beau - ty of ho - li - ness. in beau - ty of ho - li - ness.*



*in beau - ty of ho - li - ness. in beau - ty of ho - li - ness.*

Text and Music: Nathan George, 2013.

## Reading of the Word—Psalm 8:1-9

- 1 O Lord, our Lord,  
     how majestic is Your name in all the earth!  
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
 You have established strength because of Your foes,  
     to still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
     the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,
- 4 what is man that You are mindful of him,  
     and the son of man that You care for him?

- 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sung Response—O Come Before The Lord The King, (Psalm 95), Vs. 3**

O come and let us wor - ship now, be - fore our Mak - er let\_ us bow;

We are His sheep and He our God, He feeds our souls in pas - tures broad;

He safe - ly leads us in\_ the way; O come and hear His voice to - day.

Text: Psalm 95:6-7, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: ST. PETERSBURG, Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

**Sermon—Majesty in Meekness**

**—Pastor, George Grant**

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

*The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

## Confession of Sin—based on Romans 7:21-25

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We delight in the law of God, in our inner being, but we see in our members another law waging war against the law of our minds and making us captive to the law of sin that dwells in our members.

All: **Wretched men and women that we are!**

Pastor: Who will deliver us from this body of death?

All: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

## Assurance of Pardon—Romans 8:33-35; Titus 2:11-14

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

All: **And so we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

## Sung Response—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51), Vs. 4

Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,

Let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;

From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by Thy wrath and judg - ment just, Let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear Thy voice; From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.'

Text: Psalm 51:8-9, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: REDHEAD 76, Richard Redhead, 1853.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.  
On the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

*Amen.*

## Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,  
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y\_\_ be un - to\_\_ Thee,  
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8;  
Music: Nathan George, 2013.



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

*This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.*

## Congregational Psalm—The King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad (Psalm 21)



O Je - ho - vah, the king in Your strength shall be glad, and shall in Your sal - va - tion re - joice;  
Through sal - va - tion from You is his fame wide - ly spread, for the maj - es - ty You did im - part—  
You will stretch forth Your hand on the heads of Your foes, on Your hat - ers a right hand of pow'r,



For You free - ly have giv - en each Wish his heart had, You at - tend to the cries of his voice.  
O most bles - sed for - ev - er the King has been made, and Your pres - ence has glad - dened his heart.  
Then Your wrath shall a - round them like fur - nace flames close; for Je - ho - vah's own wrath shall de - vour.



All the bless - ings he craved You did grac - ious - ly give, with the pur - est of gold he is crowned.  
For the king in the name of Je - ho - vah Most High did un - wav - er - ing con - fi - dence place;—  
From the earth shall their race be con - sumed and de - stroyed, and their off - spring for - ev - er shall fail;—  
You will turn back your foes; You will put them to flight, when Your ar - rows are aimed at their face.—



When he asked of You life, You Have made him to live, while the ag - es shall cir - cle a - round.  
Through His great lov - ing - kind - ness He still will re - ly on the High - est, and stand by His grace.  
By the e - vil they plot - ted, the schemes they em - ployed. they shall nev - er a - gainst You pre - vail.  
Be ex - al - ted Je - ho - vah, In strength and in might; we will sing of Your pow - er and grace.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1898; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021; Music: KING PHILIP, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

## Congregational Psalm—The Lord Has Spoken To My Lord (Psalm 110)



The Lord has spo - ken to my Lord, "at My right hand take Your seat,  
Your peo - ple in Your day of pow'r free - ly give them - selves to You;  
And when the day of wrath has come; then the Lord at Your right hand



Un - til I make Your en - e - mies in - to a foot - stool for Your feet."  
Your youth, all clothed in ho - li - ness, ap - pear each day like morn - ing's dew.  
Will crush great kings and na - tions judge, with fall - en bod - ies fill the land.



The Lord from Zi - on will ex - tend the migh - ty scep - ter in Your hand:  
The Lord has sworn a sol - emn oath from which He'll ne - ver be re - leased;  
Just - ly con - demned be - neath His rule will heads of ma - ny nations die;



"Rule in the midst of en - e - mies, sub - due each un - der Your com - mand."  
"In th'or - der of Mel - chi - ze - dek for - ev - er more You are a priest."  
But from the brook He'll stop to drink, and His own head He'll lift up high.

Text: Psalm 110:1-7; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications.  
Music: JERUSALEM, Hubert Parry, 1916, arr. Brian E. Coombs and Andrew K. Schep, 2004.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## Congregational Psalm—O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name (Psalm 8)



O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the Earth!  
O, when I gaze at the heav'n's and all the works Your hands have made,  
Though You have made him low - er than the an - gels for a time.  
You set his feet up - on the Earth to be a car - ing shield



For You have set Your glor - ious name a - bove the high - est heav'ns.  
The moon and stars in the heav'n's a - bove, which You have set in place,  
You crown'd him in Your maj - es - ty, in glo - ry and in light.  
For flocks of sheep and herd - ing beasts and cat - tle in the fields,



Out of mouths of babes and in - fants, You es - tab - lished strength!  
What is man that You are mind - ful, and re - mem - ber him,  
You gave him do - min - ion o - ver all You did cre - ate.  
Birds of heav - en, teem - ing wa - ters; all Your won - drous works.



All Your en - e - mies will then be si - lent at Your praise.  
And the son of man that You will gen - tly care for him?  
O - ver all the won - drous works and all Your hands have made.  
Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the Earth!

Text and Music: Nathan George, 2015.

# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## Benediction—Romans 8:38-39

Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Gloria Patri

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glor - y be\_\_ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is\_\_ now, and ev - er shall be, World\_\_ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. The final system includes a fermata over the final notes.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2<sup>nd</sup> century;  
Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

Over the last eight weeks, we've had a great opportunity to dive deeply into the Scripture by reading and singing the psalms. We'll conclude the series this Sunday with Psalm 8 preached and sung, along with four other complete psalm settings (100, 29, 21, and 110), excerpts from 3 others (118, 95, 51), and a reading of another (111). If this deep dive into the psalter has blessed you, I'd like to recommend a few resources for psalm singing. Three of this morning's settings come from the 2010 *Book of Psalms for Worship* published by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America—a denomination that sings psalms exclusively in worship. This collection includes many familiar tunes (the setting of Psalm 7 to SLANE/"Be Thou My Vision" that we sang last week was from it) which can make it a good introduction for those just getting into psalm singing. Two others from this morning's service, *O Come Before The Lord, The King—Psalm 95* and *God Be Merciful To Me—Psalm 51*, can be found in the wonderful 2018 *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* published by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the United Reformed Churches in North America. That publication includes over 400 hymns and a complete psalter—though the psalm section does use a hefty dose of tunes from the 17<sup>th</sup> century *Genevan Psalter* that tend to be more difficult for contemporary congregational singing. We're also singing two psalm settings by our former music director Nathan George, who gave us a great repertoire of psalm compositions written specifically for our congregation from 2011-2018. Whatever method you choose, I hope that you'll make singing the psalms a part of your devotional life. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Lord, Glory, Babes, Heavens, Man, Crowned, Dominion  
**Keystone Verse:** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8: 9)



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